

When it Comes to Women Trailblazers, Iowa makes its mark

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Recognizing the contributions American women have made to our nation's progress over the course of history is so very important because their contributions have too frequently taken place out of the limelight.

That's why I want to recognize and honor their achievements during Women's History month.

It is truly remarkable when one takes note of the expansive list of contributions women have made to our country throughout its history.

From our own state of Iowa, Lilia Abron became the first African-American woman in the nation to obtain a doctoral degree in chemical engineering at the University of Iowa.

Phyllis Propp Fowle, a native of Laurel, Iowa, became the first female Judge Advocate General Officer in the U.S. Army.

Arabella Mansfield became the first female lawyer in the United States after being admitted to practice law in Iowa.

I only hope that these accomplishments inspire other women—and men—to work hard to achieve the promise this nation was founded on: a place where all *people* are created equal.